

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 440

Introduced by Assembly Member Beall

February 24, 2009

An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 66745) to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 440, as introduced, Beall. California Community Colleges: student transfer.

Existing law establishes the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, the campuses of which are administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, which are administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, authorizes the community colleges to grant associate in arts and associate in science degrees. The act also requires the regents, the trustees, and the board of governors to have as a fundamental policy the maintenance of a healthy and expanded program to increase the number of transfer students from community colleges.

This bill would authorize a community college district to grant an associate in arts degree in transfer studies to a student meeting specified requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 3 (commencing with Section 66745) is
2 added to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 3. Transfer Studies Program

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7 66745. A community college district may grant an associate
8 in arts degree in transfer studies to a student meeting both of the
9 following requirements:

10 (a) Completes a minimum of 60 semester units.

11 (b) Meets the minimum requirements for transfer to the
12 California State University or the University of California.

13 66746. (a) A degree granted pursuant to this article shall
14 recognize the completion of lower division general education
15 requirements.

16 (b) A degree granted pursuant to this article does not guarantee
17 admission to any institution.